Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following paragraph after the title line on page 1:

[0000] This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,147 which is based upon and claims benefit of Japanese Patent Applications No. 2000-351639 filed on November 17, 2000, No. 2001-62970 filed on July 3, 2001, and No. 2001-275485 filed on November 9, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The present invention relates to a valve attached to a fuel tank, ~~valve~~ which is disposed in a fuel tank of vehicles, such as automobiles, and the like.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] Hence, a liquid-fuel flow-out inhibition valve has been disposed conventionally in the fuel tank in order to inhibit a liquid fuel from flowing out from the evaporator opening. For example, in Fig. 16, there is illustrated a cross-sectional view of a conventional liquid-fuel flow-out inhibition valve. The conventional liquid-fuel flowing-out inhibition valve comprises a cover 101 and a case 102. The cover 101 is formed on an upper portion of a fuel tank 100 integrally therewith. The case 102 is provided with an evaporator opening 103, which is formed through an upper portion of the case 102, and a floating valve 105, which is disposed in the case ~~2~~ 102, and is engaged with an opening end of the cover 101 by an engagement claw 104. Note that the cover 101 communicates with an ~~not-shown~~ evaporator circuit that is not shown. Moreover, an

O ring 106 is disposed in a space between an inner peripheral surface of the cover 101 and an outer peripheral surface of the case 102, and secures a liquid-proof ability.

Please replace paragraph [0063] with the following amended paragraph:

[0063] Similarly to Example No. 1 described above, in Example No. 2 as well, the cover 2, the case 3 and the floating valve 32 are produced first by injection molding. Subsequently, the male screw 30 of the case 3 is screwed into the female screw 20 of the cover 2. In this instance, the ring-shaped rib 35 of the case 3 approaches the ring-shaped groove 26 of the ~~case~~ cover 2 gradually. Then, the leading end of the ring-shaped rib 35 enters into the ring-shaped groove 26~~,~~ . ~~the~~ The screwing is terminated when the leading end of the ring-shaped rib 35 is pressed onto and contacted with the inner wall of the ring-shaped groove 26. Thus, the liquid-proof ability between the case 3 and the cover 2 is secured by pressing the leading end of the ring-shaped rib 35 onto and contacting it with the inner wall of the ring-shaped groove 26. Finally, the fuel tank 4 is welded onto the connector portion 22. Thus, the liquid-fuel flow-out inhibition valve 1 of Example No. 2 is completed.

Please replace paragraph [0115] with the following amended paragraph:

[0115] In Example No. 9, the cover 2, the case 3 and the floating valve 32 are first produced by injection molding. Subsequently, the press-in portion 82 of the case 3 is pressed ~~in~~ into the inner cylinder-shaped portion of the ~~case~~ cover 2. Finally, the fuel tank 4 is welded onto the connector portion 22. Thus, the liquid-fuel flow-out inhibition valve 1 of Example No. 9 is completed.

Please replace paragraph [0122] with the following amended paragraph:

[0122] In Example No. 10, the cover 2, the case 3 and the floating valve 32 are first produce by injection molding. Subsequently, the press-in portion 82 of the case 3 is pressed ~~in~~ into the inner cylinder-shaped portion of the ~~case~~ cover 2. Finally, the fuel tank 4 is welded onto the connector portion 22. Thus, the liquid-fuel flow-out inhibition valve 1 of Example No. 10 is completed.